

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 355
By Caldwell

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Chris Carpenter and the Oak Ridge High School 1997 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association girls' state tennis champions.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud of our athletic teams that work hard, perform with tremendous skill and win state championships; and

WHEREAS, the highly regarded 1997 Oak Ridge High School girls' tennis team, that recently won the coveted Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association state title, is one such exemplary squad; and

WHEREAS, in the semifinal round, the Lady Wildcats beat Harpeth Hall, as number one Megan Dunigan beat Blaire McMeans 6-1, and 6-2; number two Jill Buckley defeated Megan Youngblood 6-0 and 6-1; number four Zuzana Melher overpowered Jordan Jones 6-2 and 6-4, and number five Sarah Strickler stopped Margaret Martin 6-1 and 7-5; and

WHEREAS, in the title round, Oak Ridge topped Baylor, as number one Megan Dunigan scored a 6-0 and 6-0 verdict against Brooke Cordell; number two Jill Buckley beat Jenny Webb 6-3 and 6-1; and number five Sarah Strickler defeated Jamelie Kangles 6-1 and 6-0; and

WHEREAS, this was the first time that a public school had won the state tennis tournament since Memphis Ridgeway captured the title in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Coach Chris Carpenter has done an excellent job molding the natural talent of the squad into championship caliber; and

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WHEREAS, each of the players, including Megan Dunigan, Zuzana Melher, Jill Buckley, Sarah Strickler, Jessica Bowman, and Kristen Jenkins are especially deserving of the commendation of this body; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to recognize this special squad and their accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Chris Carpenter and the 1997 Oak Ridge High School girls' tennis team on winning the state championship and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.